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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. REGARDING HAMILTON'S DESIRES, HE FEELS STRONGLY THAT HE WOULD PREFER TO STAY IN CURRENT JOB IN ECON OR SWITCH TO SCI IF HE STAYS THREE YEARS, WHICH HE IS EAGER TO DO. ASSIGNMENT TO SCI SEEMS PRECLUDED BY MANDEL ASSIGNMENT. HE WILL, OF COURSE, GO TO COMMERCIAL OFFICE NEXT SUMMER IF THERE IS NO WAY TO MEET HIS PREFERENCES. IN THE LATTER EVENT, HE MAY WELL DECIDE TO HOLD TOUR TO TWO YEARS. HOWEVER, HIS DESIRE TO STAY THREE YEARS AND FIRM UP HIS SPECIALITY IN SOVIET AFFAIRS IS GREAT, AND HE MIGHT RECONSIDER CURRENT ATTITUDE IF HE WERE FACED WITH HARD CHOICE. SINCE HE IS A VERY STRONG PERFORMER AND SEEMS STRONGLY COMMITTED TO THE SOVIET SPECIALITY WE FEEL THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE HIS DESIRES, SO LONG AS THEY DO NOT IMPINGE ON THE CAREER INTERESTS OF OTHERS.

2. AMBASSADOR ASSUMES REPORT ON LAST MEETING WITH TOLYA IS IN WORKS, BUT IF NOT, EXPECTS YOU TO PRESS MARSHALL.

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3. HAS DEPT. MADE DECISION REGARDING ACCEPTABILITY OF LITHUANIAN ON SOVIET GOVERNORS' DELEGATION (STATE 237224)? (N.B. WHEN THIS EXCHANGE WAS INITIATED SOME YEARS AGO, SOVIETS WERE TOLD INFORMALLY THAT REPS FROM BALTIC WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED.)

4. AMBASSADOR WILL HOST RECEPTION FOR ENERGY JCM ON DEC. 5, AND FOR AGRICULTURE JCM ON DEC. 13.

5. WE CAN BRIEF CHICAGO COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS GROUP IN COMMERCIAL OFFICE ON OCT. 22 IF NUMBER DOES NOT EXCEED 100, WHICH IS LIMIT OF OUR SPACE THERE. IF BRIEFING HELD ELSEWHERE, WE WILL OF COURSE BE PLEASED TO SUPPLY BRIEFERS REGARDLESS OF SIZE OF GROUP.

6. WHAT IS STATUS OF FINDING REPLACEMENT FOR TRACY NEXT SUMMER? ASSUME EVERYONE REALIZES THAT THIS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL POSITION, WITH NEW EMBASSY CONSTRUCTION COMING ON AND ALSO KIEV IN MIDDLE OF CONSTRUCTION PHASE. SHELDON KRYN, NOW AN INSPECTOR AND WELL KNOWN TO AMBASSADOR, SHOULD BE STRONG CANDIDATE IF HE INTERESTED. PRIME PREREQUISITE FOR JOB IS EXCELLENT MANAGERIAL ABILITY, NOT LANGUAGE. SO LONG AS ADMIN NO. 2 IS COMPETENT IN RUSSIAN, COUNSELOR CAN GET ALONG WITHOUT IT.

7. CLIFF AND FRAN GROSS WILL BE GLAD TO PUT WEISZ UP FROM JANUARY.
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